

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, February 23, 2009 in Room 161, UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Norb Dantinne, Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster
Norb VandeHei

Also Present: Bill Hafs, Jon Bechle, Tom Hinz,

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantinne at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of January 26, 2009:

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Kaster to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Land & Water Conservation Department Monthly Budget Update (to be distributed at meeting): Report not available.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Kaster to hold for 30 days. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Request for Budget Transfer (#08-96): Increase in Expenditures with Offsetting Increase in Revenue: Request to use Groundwater Monitoring Funds to cover 50% of the costs of well testing done in December on 61 wells in the Town of Morrison. They are covering the remaining 50%:

Mr. Hafs explained that the request to use groundwater monitoring funds to cover 50% of the cost of well testing on wells in the Town of Morrison was approved at the January meeting and this is now the request to transfer such funds.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Kaster to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. State Approval of Brown County 2009-2013 Land & Water Resource Management Plan:

The Land Conservation Department requests that the Land & Water Resource Management Plan through 12/31/2013 be approved. Mr. Hafs explained that the

plan revises and updates the County's 2003 LWRM plan and describes land and water resources in the County, along with the role of the Land Conservation Department and its partner agencies.

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Haefs to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of 2008 Annual Report and 2009 Work Plan for Land & Water Conservation Department:

The 2008 Annual Report and 2009 Work Plan as included in packet material was explained by Mr. Haefs. He informed the committee that approval is a state requirement. The report includes accomplishments of the previous year (2008), in addition to plans for the coming year (2009). Mr. Haefs highlighted various priorities in the 2009 plan, those being to identify priority farms and to implement best management practices, along with other statistics related to the installation of buffer strips, nutrient management plans, and conservation practices.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs and seconded by Erickson to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Update/Review of City of Green Bay Bow Hunt at Mental Health Center – Jon Bechle:

Jon Bechle distributed a map of the area under discussion explaining the concerns of adjoining property owners who are attempting to keep the deer numbers in check.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Fleck to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mike VanLanen – New Franken

Mr. VanLanen explained that although attempts have been made to plant vegetation at the adjoining arboretum, deer coming over from the Mental Health Center side of the property have damaged their attempts. He encouraged that the County consider opening bow hunting in an attempt to keep the deer population in check.

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Kaster to return to regular order of business. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion by the committee resulted in a recommendation that bow hunting be opened on specific Mental Health Center property for one year at which time there will be further discussion.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs and seconded by Erickson to approve bow hunting on specific Mental Health Center property for one year at which time it will be brought back for review. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Correspondence from Russ Feingold - Request approval to apply for Stimulus Dollars for Waste Transformation Project:**

Correspondence from Senator Russ Feingold included in packet material was reviewed.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Fleck to approve application for stimulus dollars for waste transformation project.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **Media Articles: United Meadows Dairy (news release from Wisconsin Department of Justice Fine); Morrison Well Testing (nitrate issues well in Morrison's water supply); and Glacierland R&D regarding Waste Transformation Project (project aims to produce fertilizer from wastes):**

Mr. Hafs included media articles in packet material for informational purposes.

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Kaster to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Director's Report: None**

9. **Such other matters as authorized by law:**

Supervisor Haefs asked if there is a process by which Land Conservation Director Bill Hafs makes a decision to attend County Board meetings. Hafs replied that he attends if there is something on the agenda directly related to Land Conservation that he thinks there may be questions on. Haefs stated he will be asking all department heads this question.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Fleck to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary